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1. Between 1:25 and 2 p.m. on 31 January 1952, Staaken airfield was observed from its southern side. It was snowing. No aircraft were parked outside the hangars. No change was observed on the radio installation in the western section of the field.

2. Between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on 5 February, 4 twin-engine planes, 1 single-engine, high-wing monoplane, and 1 biplane were at the field. Two twin-engine planes practiced individual take-offs and landings. They flew for about 30 minutes. Visibility was limited to about 5 km. One of the two planes had [REDACTED] the single rudder assembly; the other plane did not have a window, but did have a single rudder assembly. [REDACTED]

3. On 7 February, a twin-engine plane and a biplane [REDACTED] were observed near the hangars. The biplane took off from and landed in an area which was staked off by small flags. Flying continued up to late afternoon.

4. Between 9 and 11:30 a.m. on 7 February, two Li-2s were in front of the hangars. An estimated 200 Soviet airmen were stationed at the field. [REDACTED]

* [REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms that Staaken airfield is still occupied by an air transport squadron. The estimated occupation may be correct if all sentries and signal soldiers are included. [REDACTED] the air transport squadron itself had about 80 officers and EM.

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